envisages augmentation of conventional covered storage capacity through private sector participation.

(c) Does not arise.

Benefit of Annapoorna and Antyodaya schemes

1967. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to know whether benefits of Annapoorna and Antyodaya schemes are reaching to the right people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to raise monthly PDS allocations; and

(d) if so, to what extent, it would be raised and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A proposal relating to enhancement in allocation of foodgrains under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is under consideration. No final decision has been taken.

Reduction in prices of rationed foodgrains

1968. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to further reduce the prices of rationed foodgrains in view of buffer stocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also been seriously considering delinking of Minimum Support Price from procurement; and

(d) if so, the extent to which delinking of Minimum support Price from procurement is going to help in reducing the foodgrains stocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. No concrete proposal in this regard is under consideration of the Government. However, alternative methods of providing income support to the farmers are being examined so that the farmers get the Minimum Support Price for their crops.

Extending BIS net

1969. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIS has decided to bring several more consumer items to be covered under the net;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that many consumer items which are compulsorily covered under the BIS net are openly available without any ISI mark;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the State Governments are also not implementing the guidelines on consumer items issued by the Union Government; and

(f) if so, the steps through which Government propose to ensure its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD); (a) and (b) Certification of Packaged Natural Mineral Water, Packaged Drinking Water and Clinical Thermometers has been recently made mandatory under the BIS Certification Scheme.